REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14, 17-22, 25-30, and 33-36 are pending in the present application, Claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, and 33-36 having been amended. Support for the amendments to Claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, and 33-36 is found for example, in the specification at page 14, lines 12-18 and page 15, lines 1-12. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-7, 12-14, 17-29, and 31-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over <u>Sampson et al.</u> (U.S. Patent No. 6,490624, hereinafter <u>Sampson</u>) in view of <u>Barbash et al.</u> (U.S. Patent No. 6,826,595, hereinafter <u>Barbash</u>); and Claims 8-11 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over <u>Sampson</u> in view of <u>Barbash</u>, and further in view of <u>Ferguson et al.</u> (U.S. Patent No. 5,819,092, hereinafter <u>Ferguson</u>).

With respect to the rejection of independent Claims 1, 18, 25, and 33-36 as unpatentable over <u>Sampson</u> in view of <u>Barbash</u>, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to Claims 1, 18, 25, and 33-36 overcomes this ground of rejection.

The outstanding Office Action takes the position that the previously claimed "tie-up pages" refers to a temporary buffer. The outstanding Office Action appears to reach this construction of "tie-up pages" because www.dictionary.com defines "tie-up" as temporary immobilization. The outstanding Office Action then proceeds to take the position that col. 12, lines 26-32 of Sampson discloses a temporary buffer that equates to the claimed "tie-up pages." ¹

¹ Office Action, pages 4-5.

The claims are amended to more clearly describe and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded by Applicant as the invention. Particularly, the claims are amended to replace "tie-up pages" with "inherited pages." Applicant respectfully submits that "inherited pages" does not refer to a temporary buffer.

Amended Claims 1 and 18, recite, inter alia, "an inherited page unit configured to maintain inherited pages." Amended Claim 25 recites, inter alia, "an updating unit configured to carry out a remote updating of contents of inherited pages which present at least part of contents or a framework of the main site as inherited from the main site server system at the partner site server system, at a prescribed timing when the authentication succeeds." Amended Claim 33 recites, inter alia, "receiving a remote updating of contents of inherited pages at the partner site server system from the main site server system, at a prescribed timing when the authentication succeeds, the inherited pages presenting at least part of the contents or a framework of the main site as inherited from the main site server system." Amended Claim 34 recites, inter alia, "carrying out a remote updating of contents of inherited pages which present at least part of contents or a framework of the main site as inherited from the main site server system at the partner site server system, at a prescribed timing when the authentication succeeds." Amended Claim 35 recites, inter alia, "second computer program codes configured to cause the computer to receive a remote updating of contents of inherited pages at the partner site server system from the main site server system, at a prescribed timing when the authentication succeeds, the inherited pages presenting at least part of contents or a framework of the main site as inherited from the main site server system." Amended Claim 36 recites, inter alia "second computer program codes configured to cause the computer to carry out a remote updating of contents of inherited pages which present at least part of contents or a framework of the main site as inherited from the main

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site server system at the partner site server system, at a prescribed timing when the authentication succeeds."

Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of <u>Sampson</u> and <u>Barbash</u> do not disclose or suggest the above-noted elements of independent Claims 1, 18, 25, and 33-36.

In view of the above-noted distinctions, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 18, 25, and 33-36 (and Claims 2-14, 17, 19-22, and 26-30 dependent thereon) patentably distinguish over <u>Sampson</u> and <u>Barbash</u>, taken alone or in proper combination.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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